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STUDENTS SELECTED FOR COMMISSIONER'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Sixteen Kentucky public high school students have been named to the Commissioner's Student Advisory Council, a group that provides input to Kentucky Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt.

The newly-selected members will serve at least one year. They include:

- Gregory Coleman – 12th grade, The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics/Phelps High School, Pike Co.
- Elijah Cooper – 11th grade, Daviess County High School
- Devin Davis – 10th grade, Scott County High School
- Laura Duke – 10th grade, iLEAD Academy/Owen County High School
- Matthew Hylton – 12th grade, The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics/Morgan County High School
- Lillian Lester – 11th grade, Frederick Fraize High School, Cloverport Ind.
- Shane Lowe – 11th grade, Kentucky School for the Blind/Central High School, Jefferson Co.
- Katie Mitchell – 12th grade, Madison Central High School/Madison County Area Technology Center, Madison Co.
- Sahar Mohammadzadeh – 11th grade, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Fayette Co.
- Brenden Quirk – 10th grade, Eastern High School, Jefferson Co.
- Nia Ralston – 12th grade, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- Katherine Renick – 12th grade, Murray High School, Murray Ind.
- Carson Sims – 10th grade, Graves County High School
- Heyna Suit – 11th grade, Fleming County High School
- Allison Tu – 10th grade, duPont Manual High School, Jefferson Co.
- Joselin Vicencio – 11th grade, Nelson County High School

The 16 new members join seven returning members:

- Amrit Avula – 11th grade, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green Ind.
- Grayson Ford – 12th grade, Trigg County High School
- Roop Patel – 12th grade, Beechwood High School, Beechwood Ind.
- Thomas Patrick – 11th grade, Magoffin County High School
- Kaeli Riggs – 11th grade, Seneca High School, Jefferson Co.
- Wesley Wei – 12th grade, Boyle County High School
- Lauren Williams – 11th grade, Taylor County High School

The group will meet in Frankfort on October 27. The purpose of the council is to provide valuable feedback from Kentucky students and to engage student leaders in learning by doing. This group will meet with the commissioner and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff to discuss how decisions made at the state level are affecting public school students throughout Kentucky and provide feedback – from a student perspective – on critical issues impacting

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Kentucky students and schools.

The agenda for the first Commissioner's Student Council meeting follows:

**Commissioner's Student Council
October 27, 2016
Kentucky Department of Education
5th Floor, Room 516
300 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET**

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Update, Q&A and feedback from members on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)/new accountability system
- III. Discussion of student topics
- IV. Wrap-up, discussion of next meeting
- V. Adjournment

The Commissioner's Student Council is a year-long program for Kentucky public school students in grades 10-12. The council is comprised of a diverse group of students with refreshing ideas and thoughtful insight into how public schools and student achievement can be improved.

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